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ASYG PETRIGNANI PAPER ON FOLLOW-UP ACTION

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE ANNEXES TO THE EWG CHAIRMAN
PETRIGNANI'S PAPER ON FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE LTDP
(REFTEL) AND BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS OF
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTION ON THE INDIVIDUAL MEASURES ARE
ABOUT RIGHT.

2. THERE ARE SOME MINOR FAULTS, E.G., IDENTIFYING
INCREASED R AND D COOPERATION IN ELECTRONIC WARFARE AS A
SHORT-TERM MEASURE (ANNEX 6, MEASURE A10), AND FOR MANY
MEASURES OTHER COMMITTEES THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY IDENTI-
FIED WILL BE INVOLVED, E.G., SEVERAL READINESS AND CON-
SUMER LOGISTICS MEASURES WOULD ULTIMATELY REQUIRE ACTION
BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE
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THESE ISSUES MERIT RAISING IN THE EWG. WE PLAN TO
DISCUSS A FEW OF THE ABOVE POINTS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
STAFF, BUT DO NOT PROPOSE TO PRESS THESE FORMALLY.
BY TRYING TO GET THE ANNEXES PRECISELY RIGHT, WE COULD
ENGENDER UNPRODUCTIVE DEBATES AMONG ALLIES AND MIGHT
END UP ADDING SO MANY ADDITIONAL "ACTION" BODIES THAT
RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE BLURRED. ADDITIONALLY, THE

ANNEXES DO NOT DEAL WITH THE MONITORING FUNCTION; THE MATTER OF PROGRAM MONITORS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN SYG LUNS PAPER ON ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING.

THEREFORE, AT THE JULY 20 EWG, AS A MARKER WE WOULD PLAN TO NOTE IN THIS REGARD THAT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MONITORS, IN RELATION TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER NATO OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES (E.G., SNLC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONSUMER LOGISTICS MATTERS), AS WELL AS THE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR INPUTS TO THE DECEMBER AND SPRING REPORTS, REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT.

3. IN ADDITION, WE FEEL A MARKER WOULD BE USEFUL CONCERNING LIAISON BETWEEN THE AD HOC GROUP ON AIR DEFENSE AND THE CNAD, TO TEMPER ANY POSSIBLE CONTRETEMPS OF THE SORT THAT OCCURRED THIS PAST SPRING WHEN DIFFERENCES AROSE BETWEEN THE AIR DEFENSE TASK FORCE AND CNAD VIEWS. RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO AMEND ANNEX E OR PARA 8, THIS MIGHT BE DONE FROM THE CHAIR AT THE JULY 20 EWG MEETING. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD PLAN TO APPROACH THE IS TO SUGGEST A) THAT PETRIGNANI'S SPEAKING BRIEF HAVE HIM NOTE THAT THE CNAD WILL, OF COURSE, WISH TO KEEP ITSELF FULLY INFORMED OF THE WORK OF THE AD HOC GROUP AND B) THAT THE DECISION SHEET FOR THE MEETING REFLECT THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARK IN SOME MANNER. BY PROCEEDING THIS WAY, WE WOULD HOPE TO AVOID OPENING UP THE REPORT TO WRANGLING IN THE EWG. BENNETT
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